CHIEF OF STAFF
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

9 Jan 1964

Colonel Jose Tando (Retired)
President, AFPRSVA
Retired Military Personnel Hall
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

Dear Colonel Tando:

This is with reference to complaints registered with this Headquarters by retired generals on the recall of security personnel detailed with them on the belief that I initiated the recall.

I am enclosing a photostat of a direct order of the Secretary of National Defense to recall these particular details. You will notice that the actual recall of these personnel was made only recently despite the fact that the SND directive was made May 24, 1963. The reason was, and still is, that I personally hate having to break the tradition set by my predecessors. I was hoping that in time the personnel situation would ease up such that it would not be necessary for us to recall military personnel detailed outside the AFP. But then, as we all know, the situation is getting even tighter. I had to execute the order or face charge of disobedience.

Lest I be accused of shunning responsibility or of passing the blame to the Secretary of National Defense, I request we look at the situation from his point of view. We may concede the fact that the general peace and order situation is not so bad as would make the security details necessary. In the light of Executive Order No. 67, which reads partly:

"The President, the Secretary of National Defense, or the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines may detail armed

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forces security guards to any civilian government office or official, or to any private entity or person, when such detail would be in the public interest in the opinion of the official ordering the same"

you may find it not so hard to believe that the Secretary was just doing his duty in the interest of the general public.

Please convey to the retired generals through your organization my personal regrets for having recalled their security details. I hope the situation is only temporary such that in time, within my administration if possible, we shall be able to restore such detail.

Thank you and regards.

Sincerely yours,

s/t/ ALFREDO M SANTOS
General, AFP
Chief of Staff

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Secretary General